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FOLLOWING REPEAT FBI 170815Z AUG ACTION SECSTATE USSECRET
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UNSUB; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF RENTED VEHICLE BEING DRIVEN BY
ELI MATLON, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, JAMAICA, BRITISH WEST INDIES,
MIAMI, FLORIDA, 8-15-74; DAMV - PFO.

DAD COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT BOMB SPECIALISTS, MIAMI,
EXAMINED HAND GERNADE FOUND IN MATALON'S CAR AND SPECULATE IT
COULD BE A WORLD WAR ONE BRITISH OR FRENCH TYPE. IT CONTAINED
SAFETY FUSE AND BLACK POWDER BUT IT IS UNKNOWN IF GERNADE WAS
CAPABLE OF EXPLODING.

AT ABOUT NOONTIME AUGUST 16, 1974, MATALON LEFT MIAMI FOR
JAMAICA ABOARD A JAMACIAN GOVERNMENT PLANE.

AT ABOUT 1:35 PM, AUGUST 16, 1974, AN ANONYMOUS CALL WAS
RECEIVED BY JAMAICAN DEFENSE AIR OFFICER IN JAMAICA FROM AN
UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN IN UNITED STATES WHO SAID THERE WAS A BOMB
ABOARD MATALON'S PLANE. THE AIR OFFICER CALLED U.S. CUSTOMS,
MIAMI, WHO NOTIFIED FAA, WHO NOTIFIED FBI, WHO NOTIFIED SECRET
SERVICE AND ATF.

FAA CONTACTED THE PLANE BY RADIO AND REQUESTED IT RETURN
TO FLORIDA TO ASCERTAIN IF BOMB ON BOARD.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA AIRPLANE WITH MATALON ABOARD
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LANDED AT HOMESTEAD AFB, FLORIDA ABOUT 3:35 PM, AND A SEARCH

OF THE AIRCRAFT DID NOT REVEAL BOMB ON BOARD.

AUSA VINCENT ANTLE, MIAMI, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE MIAMI OFFICE AND IS BEING KEPT ADVISED OF PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATION.

MATALON SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED HOMESTEAD AFB BY ANOTHER CHARTERED AIRCRAFT FOR RETURN TO JAMACIA.

INASMUCH AS MATALON, AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN A LONG AND CONTINUOUS WAR AGAINST THE NARCOTIC TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN JAMAICA AND UNITED STATES, THE REPORTED THREATS AGAINST HIM CONSIDERED A CRIMINAL MATTER.

AT 6:15 PM, INSTANT, COL ARTHUR RICKOW, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS, HOMESTEAD AFB, ADVISED OF DEPARTURE OF MATALON BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT AT 6:09 PM, BOUND FOR JAMAICA.
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